GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:25
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RECHARGING OF WATER LEVEL IN WEST BENGAL
BIR SING MAHATO

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of West Bengal to recharge the ground water level in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said project is likely to be implemented in other States also;

(d) if so, whether the Government have mobilised any additional financial resources for the project; and

(e) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be cleared ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Central Ground Water Board have received six project proposals from the Government of West Bengal to recharge the ground water level in the State. The proposals concerns construction of various recharge structures in the districts of Hoogly, 24 Paraganas, Purulia, Midnapore/Salt Lake City and Bolpur of the State.

(c) to (e) The Central Ground Water Board is implementing a pilot Central Sector Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water". The Government have earmarked funds amounting to Rs.25.00 crore for the scheme during the IX Five Year Plan. This scheme is under implementation in 24 States/Union Territories and work is in progress in 136 areas. The approved proposals are expected to be implemented within 1-2 years.